(b) and (c) The Project Report envisages production of approximately 5000 million pieces of currency/bank notes. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 596.4 crores. The Report has been circulated to various appraising agencies for their comments so as to enable the Government take an investment decision.

Production cost of Controlled and Janata Cloth

1600. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how much wage a handloom weaver is getting per day for the production of controlled and janata cloth;

(b) what is the production cost of such cloth in N.T.C. mills; and

(c) what is the production cost of such cloth in handloom sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) A large variety of Janata cloth is being produced in different States under the Janata Cloth Scheme in Handloom Sector. Wages to handloom weavers engaged in the production of Janata cloth are not, therefore, paid at uniform rates in the States. However, a handloom weaver engaged in the production of Janata Cloth gets an average wage ranging from Rs 14 to Rs. 32 per day. Controlled cloth is not produced in the handloom sector.

(b) and (c) The production cost of controlled cloth produced by NTC mills and Janata cloth in the handloom sector are as under:—

Item	Average Production cost per square metre	
	Controlled cloth	Janata cloth
	Rs.	Rs.
Dhoti . . .	8 66	7 50
Saree . . .	8 89	8.03
Long cloth . .	8.67	8.29

Freedom Fighters' Pension cases from Midnapur, West Bengal

1601. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending cases of freedom fighters' pension from Midnapur district of West Bengal and the details of these cases;

(b) the reasons for not disposing of these cases expeditiously;

(c) whether these cases are likely to be settled at an early date; and

(d) whether Government are aware that most of these freedom fighters whose pension cases are pending final disposal are in their seventies and eighties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) All the cases from Midnapur district were disposed off in the Special drive carried out in July/August, 1986. However, some representations have been received from the freedom fighters to review their cases. Such cases are being reviewed.

Pending cases of Freedom Fighters from Muzaffarpur, Bihar

1602. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and particulars of freedom fighters from Muzaffarpur (Bihar) whose applications for Swatantrata Samman Pension are pending since long;

(b) what steps Government are taking to expedite disposal of these cases; and

(c) whether orders are being issued pertaining to these cases; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN